

# News Release



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**"Earth Day" Effort Doubles...**

## **Thousands Expected to Help Fix California's Environment**

***Huge Earth Day Turnout heading for 36  
State Parks in 20 California Counties  
on Saturday, April 20***

SACRAMENTO – One of the organizing groups for this years Earth Day activities says their effort statewide will be double that of last years activities. According to the California State Parks Foundation, more than \$100,000 is being sent out to fund more than 40 projects, in 36 California State Parks, in 20 California Counties from Northern California to Southern California.

"The overall effort," said Susan Smartt, President of the California State Parks Foundation, "is one of our biggest in recent years. It includes a vast array of projects designed to restore and rehabilitate our treasured parks, everything from stream and hillside restoration, to improvement of trail systems and tree plantings. People all across California have a strong attachment to their environment and on this day they turn out to prove it."

California State Parks is joining with the California State Parks Foundation to participate in Earth Day events and projects throughout the state on Saturday, April 20. The Earth Day mission is to initiate cleanup and restoration projects at State Parks and community parks.

California State Parks Acting Director Ruth Coleman said, “Earth Day is the perfect opportunity to remember – and celebrate – what makes California great – our land, and what better place to do this than in California State Parks. We invite everyone to join in this year’s cleanup activities.”

Thousands of volunteers will participate in special events and cleanup projects, including the installation of recycling containers, most at state parks and beaches. The California State Parks Foundation, a non-profit membership organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing California’s State Park System, has granted almost \$100,000 this year to fund Earth Day projects throughout California. For general information, volunteers can call 1-888-98 PARKS. The projects in 36 Counties and 20 State Parks are as follows:

### **BUTTE COUNTY**

**Lake Oroville State Recreation Area** will host a ‘Carrot Fest,’ which will celebrate the opening for the park’s new multi-use trails. Cyclists will be given carrots to hand out to equestrians they meet along the trails. The event is open to all cyclists, equestrians and hikers. For more information, call Tom McBride at (530) 538-2704 or (530) 538-2200. Lake Oroville State Recreation Area is located seven miles east of Oroville via Highway 162.

### **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

**Mt. Diablo State Park** will host volunteers for the park’s 5<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Day Event. Volunteers will help with the Mitchell Canyon restoration project and trail repairs. Work will begin at 8 a.m. and volunteers must call ahead to pre-register. Participants should bring gloves, sturdy shoes, and warm clothes. For more information, call Sue Schwartz or Dave Matthews at (925)837-5245. Mt. Diablo State Park is located five miles east of I-680 in Danville on Diablo Road.

### **FRESNO/MADERA COUNTIES**

**Millerton Lake State Recreation Area** will host volunteers who will remove non-native vegetation, install an irrigation system, and plant native species in the large group camp area of the park. The area is located on the north shore of Millerton Lake. For more information, call

Supervising Ranger Kevin Buchanan at (559) 822-2225 or (559) 822-2332. Millerton Lake State Recreation Area is located twenty miles northeast of Fresno.

## **HUMBOLDT COUNTY**

**Humboldt Redwoods State Park** is planning two days of Earth Day events: On **Saturday** at 9 a.m. coffee and refreshments will be served at the park's visitor center (Burlington.) At 10:30 a.m., there will be a canoe and kayak float trip down the South Fork of the Eel River. This event will be on a first come, first served basis by reservation with the ranger staff. Participants must have a rigid hull craft and a personal floatation device for every participant. For more information, call Ranger Robert Leiterman at (707) 946-815. At 11 a.m., there will be a cleanup and tree pruning event at the historical "Holgren Homestead" site located off the Salmon Creek exit of U.S. 101, approximately 15 miles north of Garberville. Volunteers should bring work gloves and drinking water. On Sunday at 10 a.m., there will be a river bar cleanup at selected locations with Rio Dell Elementary School. Also at 10 a.m., there will be a tree-planting event with Agnes Johnson Elementary School. For more information, call Ranger John O'Rourke at (707) 946-2409.

**Patrick's Point State Park's** will be the site of volunteers planting native vegetation, removing non-native vegetation and trail enhancement at the **Sumêg Village** and native plant garden. The project will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Participants should check in at the park visitor center. Volunteers are advised to bring gloves, boots, water, and wear work clothes. Fore more information, call Eric Johnson at (707) 826-2869 or (707) 839-5449. Patrick's Point State Park is located 25 miles north of Eureka on Highway 101.

**Richardson Grove State Park** will host volunteers for the rehabilitation of a hillside in the group camp with native plants and the development of a botanical garden at the visitor center. Participants will meet at the visitor center parking lot. The project will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Volunteers are advised to bring lunch (drinks and snacks will be provided), work gloves, sturdy shoe, boots, layered clothing and a hat. For more information, call Ranger Susan McLaughlin at (707) 247-3318. Richardson Grove State Park is located eight miles south or Garberville on Highway 101.

## **LAKE COUNTY**

**Clear Lake State Park's** Interpretive Association is sponsoring a "free admission" to the park on Earth Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Visitor Center will be open with docents leading tours (including a new white pelican display). The park will also feature nature hikes and Junior Ranger programs for children. A native species tree planting is also scheduled. For more information, call Val Nixon or Holly Palmer at (707) 279-2267 or e-mail: [vnixo@parks.ca.gov](mailto:vnixo@parks.ca.gov)

## **LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

**Los Angeles River State Park at Taylor Yard** will host volunteers for a tree planting along the Los Angeles River, creating a gateway to the future Los Angeles River State Park at Taylor Yard. The project will last from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call Marcus Gutierrez at (818) 980-9660. The event will take place at the east bank of the Los Angeles River, between Fletcher Drive and the two freeways.

The **Vista Pacifica State Park Project** will host a cleanup at Vista Pacifica State Park and Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area. Volunteers should check in at the ranger headquarters at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area. Transportation to the cleanup area will be provided. The project will begin at 10 a.m. Volunteers are advised to bring sun block, snacks, water, a sun hat, long pants, long sleeved shirt – and an umbrella in case of rain. For more information, call Dan Radacanu at (310) 558-4566. Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area is located at 4100 South La Cienega in Los Angeles.

## **MARIN COUNTY**

**Angel Island State Park** will have a trail restoration and cleanup project at Ayala Cove from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers should bring gloves, water, sunscreen, hats, sturdy shoes, and lunch. For more information, call Darci Moore at (415) 435-5390. Angel Island State Park is located in San Francisco Bay. Ferries leave from Tiburon, Vallejo, and San Francisco.

**China Camp State Park** will host volunteers who will continue the ongoing revegetation of the ridgeline at the southeast end of the park where non-native eucalyptus trees have been recently removed. The revegetation will consist of grasses and native oak seedlings. Participants will also perform maintenance of nearby park trails. For more information, call

Ranger Pat Robards at (415)-456-0766. China Camp State Park is located four miles east of San Rafael on North San Pedro Road.

**Samuel P. Taylor State Park** will be the site of trail and stream bank stabilization projects. Volunteers will also work on installing interpretive panels describing the life cycle and spawning behavior of anadromous Coho Salmon/Steelhead. Volunteer should check in at the park ranger station. The work will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. Participants should wear work cloths and bring gloves and water. For more information, contact Jim Van Cott at (415) 488-9897. Samuel P. Taylor State Park is located 15 miles west of San Rafael on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.

### **NEVADA COUNTY**

**Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park** will be the site for the installation of a culvert, rough cobble rock, and surface for the park's rim trail. Volunteers should check in at the Chute Hill group campground before 8:30 a.m. Participants should bring gloves, water, shovels or rakes (hand tools will be provided.) For more information, call Gil Clark at (530) 273-3884. Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park is located 16 miles northeast of Nevada City on North Bloomfield Road.

### **ORANGE, RIVERSIDE and SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES**

**Chino Hills State Park** is hosting volunteers for trail rehabilitation with native plants projects. Participants should bring a sack lunch and water. Volunteers will meet at the park's barn at 9 a.m. For more information, call Shannon Pulse at (909) 780-6222. Chino Hills State Park is located north of Corona off Highway 71.

### **ORANGE COUNTY**

**Bolsa Chica State Beach** will be the site of native planting/restoration projects. Volunteers should meet at the beach, between Sea Point and Warner. The work will go from 9 a.m. to Noon. Participants should wear work clothes and bring sunblock, gloves and water. For more information, call Lon Graham at (714) 374-0608. Bolsa Chica State Beach is located on Highway One between Golden West Street and Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach.

**Crystal Cove State Park** staff and volunteers will restore a crumbling sand dune in front of the cottages in the park. Parking will be available in the Los Trancos parking lot across from

the park. To reach the parking lot, drive along Pacific Coast Highway to the stoplight “Crystal Cove/Los Trancos” and turn inland. Walk across the street at the stoplight, or underneath the Pacific Coast Highway through the tunnel. Both ways access the park. Volunteers will meet at the park’s visitor center. Participants should bring gloves, a hat, sunscreen, and a lunch for afterwards. For more information, call Winter Bonin at (949) 497-7647 or e-mail: [crystalcv@fea.net](mailto:crystalcv@fea.net). Crystal Cove State Park is located off Highway One between Corona del Mar and Laguna Beach.

**Doheny State Beach** will be the site for volunteers to design, restore and plant a “secret garden.” Participants should meet at the visitor center. Work will go from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers should bring work gloves. For more information, call Vicki Wiker at (949) 496-2704. Doheny State Beach is located off Highway One at Dana Point Harbor at Del Obispo Street.

**Huntington State Beach** will sponsor a beach cleanup from 9 a.m. to Noon. Volunteers should meet at Magnolia Park Headquarters and bring work clothes, sun block, gloves and water. For more information, call Lon Graham at (714) 374-0608. Huntington State Beach is located on Highway One at Highway 39.

## **RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

**Lake Perris State Recreation Area** volunteers will develop an interpretive nature trail at the District Office, install beverage container recycling bins along the trail, and collect used clothing for a donation to a local agency. Participants should meet at the District Office at 9 a.m. For more information, call Lynn Earls at (909) 940-5627. Lake Perris State Recreation Area is located eleven miles southeast of Riverside via Highway 60 or I-215.

## **SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

**Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park** will be the site of a trail cleanup and construction and installation of safety fencing. Volunteers should call ahead to register. Participants will meet at Riley Street and should bring gloves and water. The work will begin at 7 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. For more information, call Shana Avalos or Dave Robinson at (916) 355-7304.

## **SAN BERNARDNO COUNTY**

**Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area** will host a project to install beverage container recycling bins and plant native trees. Volunteers should meet at the visitor center at 9 a.m. For more information, call Kelly Conde at (760) 389-2203. Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area can be reached by taking I-15 toward Victorville and Highway 138 east for 12 miles.

## **SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

**Torrey Pines State Reserve** is the site of a trail work project and beach cleanup. The event will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Participants are asked bring gloves, sunscreen and water. Volunteers should meet at the North Beach parking corner of Carmel Valley Road and Del Mar Scenic Parkway. Keep California Beautiful is a sponsor of this site. For more information, call Gary Olson, Greg Hackett or Allyn Kaye at (858) 755-2063. Torrey Pines State Reserve is located one mile south of Del Mar on North Torrey Pines Road.

## **SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

**Pismo State Beach** will host volunteers who will work on the Guiton Trail at the Oceano campground. Participants will clear the trail, spread gravel, remove nonnative vegetation, and spread new ground cover. The work will begin at 9 a.m. and end at Noon. For more information, call Keith Pellemeier at (805) 489-3412 or John Rivera at (805) 772-4006. Pismo State Beach is located two miles south of the city of Pismo on Highway One.

**Montana de Oro State Park** will host volunteers who will work on trails and general cleanup of the maintenance yard. The work will begin at 9 a.m. and end at Noon. For more information, call Keith Pellemeier at (805) 489-3412 or John Rivera at (805) 772-4006. Montana de Oro State Park is located seven miles south of Los Osos on Pecho Valley Road.

## **SAN LUIS OPISBO COUNTY**

**Pismo State Beach** volunteers will perform trail cleanup work as well as installation of recycling bins. Participants should check in at the park's maintenance yard. Work will go from 9 a.m. to Noon. Volunteers should bring water, sack lunch, hiking boots, gloves and work clothes. For more information, call Keith Pellemeier at (805) 489-3412. Pismo State Beach is located two miles south of the City of Pismo Beach on Highway One.

## **SAN MATEO COUNTY**

**Half Moon Bay State Park** will celebrate Earth Day at Francis, Venice, Dunes and Roosevelt Beaches. Volunteers will remove on-native plants, such as mustard, radish, hemlock, and ice plant. Native plants such as lupine, coyote bush, and lizard tail will be planted. For more information, call Marianne Kjobmand at (650) 726-8801. Half Moon Bay State Park is located one-half mile west of Highway One on Kelly Avenue in Half Moon Bay.

## **SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

**Refugio State Beach** will host an underwater cleanup project at the west side of the park's day use area. Volunteers should check in at 8 a.m. The project will start at 9 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. Participants should bring scuba diving equipment and a pot luck item to share after the cleanup. For more information, call Danita Rodriguez at (805) 968-7192. Refugio State Beach is located 23 miles northwest of Santa Barbara on Highway 101.

## **SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**

**Big Basin State Park** will be the site of the installation and assembly of recycling bins at Rancho Del Oso. Work begins at 10 a.m. Volunteers should register in advance. For more information, call Felipe Jauregui at (831) 425-1218. Big Basin State Park is located 23 miles north of Santa Cruz via Highways 9 and 236.

**Rancho Del Oso State Park** will host a cleanup project to remove and recycle old recycling containers and install new animal proof containers. Volunteer should meet at the park at 10 a.m. Depending on the number of volunteers, there will be other projects. For more information, call Felipe Jauregui at (831) 425-1218 or (831) 338-8879. Del Oso State Park is located on Highway One in Davenport.

**Wilder Ranch State Park** will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Earth Day Garden Work Day and Celebration from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers will be planting the organic heirloom vegetable garden, building vermicomposting bins, and assisting with relandscaping the Interpretive Center gardens and cleaning up the Victorian ornamental gardens. Visitors can also get information about vermicomposting and heirloom vegetable and fruit information and demonstrations as well as Earth Day music. The event is also sponsored by Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks.



For more information, call Carolyn Schimandle at (831) 426-0505. Wilder Ranch State Park is located two miles north of Santa Cruz on Highway One.

## **SOLANO COUNTY**

**Benicia State Recreation Area** will have several Earth Day projects beginning at 9 a.m. Volunteers will work on trail resurfacing at Dillon Point, cleanup around picnic areas, rehabilitation and removal of vegetation, and tree planting of native species. Volunteers are asked to bring hats, gloves and wear sturdy shoes. For more information, call Sandy Stillwell or Gerald Aus at (707) 648-1911. Benicia State Recreation Area is located 1.5 miles west of Benicia at I-780 and Columbus Parkway.

## **SONOMA COUNTY**

**Annadel State Park** will be the site of a cleanup project along Santa Rosa Creek at the Cobblestone Trail. There will be the placement of a new recycling center and the cleanup in the main lot of the park near the Warren Richardson trailhead. The work will begin at 9 a.m. Volunteers are asked to bring hats, gloves, and wear sturdy shoes. For more information, call Angy Nowicki at (707) 938-5216 or e-mail: [: jacklondonshp@ol.com](mailto:jacklondonshp@ol.com). Annadel State Park is located on Channel Drive east off Montgomery Drive in Santa Rosa.

**Armstrong Redwoods State Park** will host volunteers for restoration activities, greenhouse work, trail work and planting. Work is set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants are asked to wear sturdy shoes and bring lunch, water, and gloves. For more information, call Michele Luna at (707) 869-9177. Armstrong Redwoods State Park is located two miles north of Guerneville on Armstrong Woods Road.

**Jack London State Historic Park** will host volunteers who will join park staff in planting spineless cactus (introduced to Jack London by Luther Burbank) that once grew on the property. Participants will also help construct a fence and an exhibit panel. A recycling center will also be placed in the park. Work will go from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are asked to bring hats, gloves and wear sturdy shoes. For more information, call Sheryl Lawton at (707) 938-5216 or e-mail: [jacklondongshp@aol.com](mailto:jacklondongshp@aol.com). Jack London State Historic Park is located 1.5 miles west Glen Ellen on London Ranch Road.

**Sonoma Coast State Beach** is the site of beach cleanups and the installation of recycling bins. Work will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. Volunteers should check in at the park's visitor center in Jenner (across from the gas station.) Shuttle service will be provided. Participants are asked to wear sturdy shoes and bring lunch, water and gloves. For more information, call Michele Luna at (707) 869-9177. Sonoma Coast State Beach is located off Highway One.

## **VENTURA COUNTY**

**Emma Wood State Beach** will be the site of the assembly and installation of interpretive panels at two locations in the park. Volunteers should check in at the park entrance station. Work begins at 9 a.m. and ends at Noon. Participants should bring gloves and water and wear work clothes. For more information, call Kelly McEnroe at (805) 3927. Emma Wood State Beach is located west of Ventura on Highway 101.

**San Buenaventura State Beach** will host volunteers for dune restoration, cleanup and planting projects. Participants should meet at the parks' beach day-use parking lot. The work will begin at 11 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Volunteers should bring water, gloves and sunblock. For more information, call Brian Ketterer at (805) 648-3321. To reach San Buenaventura State Beach take Highway 101 to Seaward Avenue, then right on Pierpont Boulevard.

## **STATEWIDE**

**California Trail Days**--April 20 & 21, 2002. Each year, volunteers spend tens of thousands of hours constructing, repairing, cleaning up, and enjoying trails at Trail Days celebrations statewide. For general information and volunteer opportunities, please contact the California Trails Foundation at (530) 747-6037.

For complete information about all volunteer locations visit:

<http://www.calparks.org/index.htm>.

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